

Family +



Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Puyallup, WA

2018-2019 Guide

Educational opportunities
and program details

Theme for 2018-2019

“Love God. Love Each Other.”



Our theme for the year has been taken from the passage in Matthew 22 when Jesus is asked what the greatest commandment is.

Core Values of Pilgrim Lutheran

Glorify

Vibrant Worship:

Prayer & Corporate Worship

Grow

Bible-Centered Growth & Teaching:

Bible Study & Faith Conversations

Gather

Nurturing Congregational Care:

Fellowship & Encouragement

Go

Intentional Outreach & Evangelism:

Serving & Giving



Mission/Vision of Pilgrim

We the people of Pilgrim Lutheran Church are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, to live as God's servants, and to reach out to all people.

In the Family + Youth Ministry,
we see this happening
on a journey together as **PILGRIMS:**

Partner with parents
Identify in Christ
Love our neighbors
Grow in discipleship
Remember Jesus is the center
Intergenerational & Peer Relational
Making a difference
Serve all others



Pilgrim Wednesdays

Come as you are! All are welcome!

Wednesdays 5:45-7:30pm

What can we expect at Pilgrim Wednesdays?

Each week we will focus on one of Pilgrim's core values.

Glorify, Grow, Gather, Go.

Gather night will be the first Wednesday of every month. This means that we will have a potluck dinner, fellowship, and an intergenerational activity.

Glorify nights will have dinner and a worship or prayer experience.

Grow nights will have dinner and some sort of educational/learning time. Each month will look different. Some months we will be separated by age group, some months we will learn together in an intergenerational setting.

Go nights will have dinner and an outreach focus. Some months we will be going out and partnering with other ministries. Some months, we will have guests join us and do projects here at church.

**Dinner teams will work together to provide a meal for everyone who shows up!*

**Dinner is free and will be served weekly from 5:45pm-6:30pm.*

**Clean-up will be after our activity time.*

SEPTEMBER

September 19 **GATHER** with us for our GO-BIG KICK OFF! We will provide the burgers, you bring a side or a dessert.

September 26 **GROW** with the Paddle Pilgrim Dave Ellingson. A Lutheran pastor, Dave has taught courses in spirituality environmental ethics, human development, social justice and youth ministry at Trinity Lutheran College.

OCTOBER

October 3 **GATHER** for potluck & College Connection Care kits.

October 10 **GO!** The "Faces Among Us: Giving Humanity to Puyallup's Homeless" Join us for an in-depth look at the homeless around us.

October 17 **GLORIFY** and sing your praises with an old-fashioned hymn sing!

October 24 **GROW** in your understanding of the Reformation with our Reformation Festival!

NOVEMBER

November 7 **GATHER** for a potluck and show your true colors with tie-dying and other color fun!

November 14 **GO!** Help assemble Thanksgiving baskets and learn a little about the families receiving your gifts.

November 21 **GLORIFY** at our Thanksgiving Eve Worship service at **7:00 p.m.**, and join us afterward for a dessert and appetizer potluck. (*NOTE TIME CHANGE/NO DINNER*)

November 28 **GROW** as we dig into Advent and explore this time of waiting. We will make Advent logs too!

DECEMBER

December 5 **GATHER** for a potluck and Advent Festival.

December 12 **GLORIFY** with Holden Evening Prayer Service.

December 19 **GO!** Join as we go out into the community Christmas caroling!

HS Youth Group

Wednesdays 7:30-8:45pm

What is this?

The high school youth (grades 9-12) are invited for an evening of topical discussions, games, hanging out, adventures, and more! This is a weekly time for you to come just as you are and build community with your fellow high school peers.

What will we do?

We might play games around church, we might have faith conversations with real world events, we might go to Sonic, Cold Stone Creamery, Buffalo Wild Wings, or other adventures like a pumpkin patch or to see Christmas lights.

We will share our highs, lows, and wows and pray for each other. If you have ideas of what you want to do, we might incorporate those ideas as well.



Adult Education

Sundays 10:30-11:30am

Sisters in the Spirit

Women's study—mostly young moms
Led by Heidi Mitchell and Sarah Lieu

Sunday morning study

Topics still to be determined.
Led by Pastor Steve



During the week

Tuesday morning Bible Study

Traditional bible study based on the upcoming lectionary readings. Meets in the Eagle's Wing at 10am.

Book Tribe

Men's book study with Pastor Steve that meets Wednesdays over lunch at various locations.

Women's study

This small group of women meet on Thursday mornings from 9:15-10:30am. The study will follow the theme of love.

(Pre-K-6th grade Sunday School)

J.A.M.

Sundays 10:15-11:15am

What is JAM?

JAM (Jesus and Me) is for our pre-elementary youth through our 6th grade youth. We gather on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:15am.

A typical day consists of an opening from 10:15-10:30am with the large group and then 10:30-11:15am broken into class groups or working on mission projects.

Dates to know:

Mission Sundays

October 21; January 27; May 5

Special Dates

9/16—First Day

10/28—3rd Grade Bible Gifting

12/8 & 12/9 (4pm) — Christmas Play

12/16—Brunch/Carols/Gingerbread Churches

4/14—Palm Sunday

5/19—Last Day of

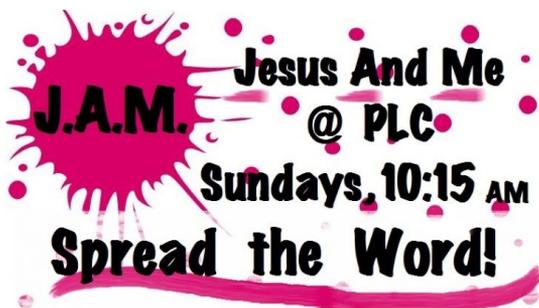
Sunday School

No JAM Sundays

Thanksgiving Break—
11/25

Christmas Break—
12/23; 12/30

Spring Break—4/7
Easter—4/21



(9th-12th grade Sunday School)

Coffee+Talk

Sundays 10:15-11:15am

What is Coffee+Talk?

Coffee+Talk is a time for high school youth to gather and talk about faith questions. This year we will be watching YouTube videos that will challenge us and make us think. Many of the videos are speakers from ELCA Gatherings of the past who spoke to high school youth. We will talk about if it is still relevant, what it means for our faith, what questions do they spur, and does it matter after leaving our discussion.

All are welcome to bring their coffee and someday we might have coffee brought for us.

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12/8 & 12/9 (4pm) — Christmas Play

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4/14—Palm Sunday

5/19—Last Day

6/2—Graduation Sunday

No Coffee+Talk Sundays

Thanksgiving Break—11/25

Christmas Break—12/23; 12/30

Spring Break—4/7

Easter—4/21



Young Adults

Sundays 6pm

Who are Young Adults?

At Pilgrim, we consider young adults to be anyone who has graduated from high school, whether they are in college or not, through those who have not yet had children. It also includes those who might be empty nesters who are still young at heart.

What is new for the Young Adults?

This year, we will be hosting Young Adult Nights on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Watch for date changes around the holidays.

Dates to know:

9/23—Young Adults meet at church. Bring your own food. Water, lemonade, and light snacks provided.

10/7—Meet at restaurant.

Place & topic to be determined on 9/23.

10/21—Theology on Tap.

Place & topic to be determined on 10/7.



Family Fun and Fellowship

What is Family Fun and Fellowship?

These are events that will be focused at families with young children, families with teenagers, families with no children or children out of the house, or singles who are looking for family.

These events have always had a nice turnout. We intend to keep these intergenerational events that we've done for a long time, and added a few new ones as well.

All are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship!

What is new this year?

This year we will be hosting Pilgrim Birthday Parties! These will be fun celebrations of all the people who have birthdays for the upcoming months.

There will be food, treats, games and more!

Each party will have an organization that we will partner with. We will bless them with gifts of items and/or offerings brought to the party. Watch for more information as each birthday party gets near.

Dates

Friday, September 28

@5:30pm

Friday, January 25 @5:30pm

Friday, May 3 @5:30pm



Upcoming Events

Lauren Daigle feat. Zach Williams Concert

Join us at the Puyallup fair as we enjoy the music of these great artists on Monday, September 17. Sign up now to get tickets. Groups of 10+ get discounted price.
(*\$39 reg/\$30 group rate*)

Harvest Party

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 28 for fun and fellowship.

Board Games Fun Night

Friday, November 9 at 6:30pm, all are welcome to join us for a night of board games and snacks. We will have lots of games to pick from or you can bring your favorite from home!

Day in Seattle

Immediately following church on Sunday, November 11, we will have options for activities to do in Seattle. We will meet for dinner and those staying later will get to go to compline at St. Mark's Cathedral.

Movie Night (Saturday, December 15)

Chili Cook-off & Annual Meeting (Sun, January 27)

Winter Retreat (February 15-17)

Polka-dots the musical @TMP (February 23 @11am)

Shrove Tuesday (Tues, March 5 @5pm)

Family Night Out for dinner (Sat, March 23)

Easter Breakfast (Sunday, April 21)

Agua Viva

What is Agua Viva?

Agua Viva is a fellowship group for youth in grades 4-6. We will gather every other month for an activity of fun and fellowship. Sign ups and information will be available at least a month in advance in print and online.

Why "Agua Viva"?

We believe that the waters of baptism connect us all to God and to each other. But I also like this old testament passage from Isaiah 43 when we are reminded that through the waters of life, God is with us.

But now, this is what the LORD says—

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you...

Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

What to expect...

Every time we gather you can expect that there will be prayer, there will be a fun activity, there will be food, there will be sharing of highs, low, and God moments, and there will be a connection to the Bible.

We will also need parents to be present at events.

If each family group takes 1-2 events through the year, we should have enough adults.

Upcoming Events

Bowling at Daffodil Bowl

Sunday, September 30th we will head to Daffodil Bowl right after Sunday School for lunch and bowling from 11:30-1pm. Cost is \$12/person—includes shoes, bowling, pizza, and drinks

Late Night Lollapalooza

We will take over the church on Saturday, November 3 from 7-9pm. All the fun of a lock-in for just a few hours!

Snowtubing and sledding

Save the date for Saturday, January 19. Times, place, and cost TBD.

Skating & Pizza Party

Sunday, March 24 we will head out right after Sunday School for an afternoon of skating, pizza, and maybe even more! Save the date, more information to come!

Day at camp

We will spend a day at camp on Saturday, May 11. Watch for more details to come about which camp, times, cost and more!

Summer adventures

We will have a couple of days at church to play and serve.

We will take a day trip to Wild Waves in July.

There will be an opportunity to go to camp for longer than just a day as well!

Watch for more information in the Spring!



EnFuego

What is EnFuego?

EnFuego is a group for youth in grades 7-12. We will gather every month for an activity of fun and fellowship. Sign ups and information will be available at least a month in advance in print and online.

Why "EnFuego"?

We believe that Spirit fills us and sets our hearts on fire. This group will work with our teen youth to help them find what God's calling on their life is and what their unique burning passion is in this life.

In Jeremiah 20, we hear the story of a teenager who struggled with his vocation and to live his life for God. At one point Jeremiah says, "there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot."

We also see Jeremiah go through a rollercoaster of excitement, frustration, and everywhere in between. This group will walk with each other on the journey.

What to expect...

Every time we gather, whether it be for a fun trip, service trip, worship experience, or a journey, we will experience together prayer, Bible connections, and check-in times for sharing your highs, lows, and God moments.



Upcoming Events

Day in Seattle

On Friday, October 12 there is no school. We will meet at church at 9:30am to spend a day in Seattle. Details are still being worked out, but this will be a phenomenal and exciting day! Sign up soon!

Day of Service

On Monday, November 12, there is again no school due to Veterans Day. Join us for a day of service including serving lunch at New Hope and something for Veterans.

Lock-in

Join us for a lock-in party to kick off Christmas Break on December 21-22, starting at 8pm with pickup at 9am.

Retreat at Lutherwood

We have been invited to Lutherwood for a day on the low and high ropes courses, followed by a party with other churches through the night. Saturday January 12-13.

Afternoon Adventures

We will take the afternoon and have a Choose-Your-Adventure day. Everyone who comes will get to have a say in what we do! Sunday, February 10th

Youthquake (March 8-10 at Great Wolf Lodge)

Rock-n-Bowl (April 5—10pm-2am)

SWWA Fools Night Out (April)

Holden Youth Weekend (May)

End of Year Pool Party (June)

Summer 2019

"Save the Dates"

EnFuego Mission Trip

Site TBD—June 22-July 3*

**Dates to change within this as to site chosen!*

Meeting Date—Sunday, September 16 @12pm

Vacation Bible School HS Creation Fest

THEME: ROAR!

July 12—VBS Decorating

July 14—VBS Sunday

July 15-18—VBS Week

July 18-20

(Tentative dates)

Details still being worked out after taking 2018 off

Art Camp

July 29-31—at Pilgrim for grades 3 and up.



How to get involved:

Thrivent Action Teams

We can get a Thrivent Action Team for many of the projects that we do around here. With every team, comes a \$250 gift card to be used for supplies. These allow people who might not normally get involved with the youth to have a behind-the-scenes leadership role that is much needed and appreciated!

Pictures/Promotions/Multimedia

We need people who have technology skills, can take pictures, and who have social networking skills to help share about events.

Behind-the-scenes workers

There have been many times this summer that we have needed things moved, or random side projects done. If you are a hands-on worker or just have a truck, we have places you can help!

Prayer Support

Family + Youth Advisory Team

This group will be starting this fall, they will be the support to the Family + Youth program staff and will contribute in making and distributing the calendar, and work with the budget of the Family + Youth Ministry.

Meal Teams—talk to Rachelle if interested

Adult Leaders/Drivers for events

Teachers/Guides

SHOW UP!

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*Weekly emails go out about the upcoming week.
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